

Appl. No. : **10/829,631**
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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEWS

The Examiner's Interview Summary accurately describes the nature of the telephonic interviews with Applicant's counsel. In various telephone conferences, the Examiner and Applicant's counsel discussed the prior art references cited by Applicants and the Examiner. The Examiner submitted two proposed amendments to the claims, and Applicant's counsel proposed various modifications to these amendments, including the removal of language relating to the rigidity of the flange seat, as well as the addition of language shown in handwriting in attached Appendix B and the addition of the language in the e-mail in attached Appendix C. No agreement was reached, and the Examiner issued the Office Action of June 29, 2005.

The Examiner and Applicant's counsel have also had several brief telephone conversations regarding this application, primarily discussing procedural and application status issues. On August 30, 2005, Applicant's counsel and the Examiner discussed the amended language of Claim 31 regarding the positioning of the words. The Examiner indicated that she would review the prior art again after receiving the amendment. No agreement was reached at that time.